

IN THE SOUTH.

Where Christmading Is Observed and Universally Appreciated.

TYPICAL GAMES AND SPORTS.

Turkey Walking, Beef Shooting, and Fox Hunting Necessary Adjuncts of the Holiday Season.

(New York Herald.)

There is so much Christmas down South that to treat it adequately it must be pictured—that is to say, it is only by piecing it together that one can get the effect of the whole. Before getting about the details of the season, it is well to say that this love of Christmas and the strenuous observance of it come straight from those English folk, gentle and simple, who first peopled Virginia and the Carolinas, and whose descendants have spread over the face of the country south of Mason and Dixon's line.

There is no such thing as real Christmas now, high elder folk, white and black, whose memories run back to the gay, good days of slavery. Then, in truth, it was a two-weeks' Saturnalia. No master who respected himself, or hoped to keep the peace with his neighbors, dreamed of asking his black people to do more in the month of December than to kill hogs and set up a big Christmas woodpile.

When the hauling was finished a dozen axes flew, chopping it in lengths for the big-thighed, open-robed slaves. By and by there was a procession of stout fellows with a log or a turn of small sticks on the shoulder, setting up great, sturdy, snow-banked benches all the doors. After every exit to the great house was freely admitted, the back piazzas filled and chairs banked high in the side aisles. The slaves and black began to be heaped at the cabin doors. By the time they were all fully furnished, the smaller, poorer folk were sensibly smaller, though far from exhausted. Usually this came to pass about midday of December 14th.

CLOSE TIES.

Without experience of it, it is almost impossible to credit how warm and close the ties between white and slave. Of course, where the masters were, as was usual in the case with ninety-nine in a hundred, full of kindly consideration for their black people. The few cruel tyrants who degraded the name and brought discredit upon the middle class under the sun were looked upon with scorn by their neighbors.

Naturally, then, to the mass of slaves their masters were not only kind, but they were of interest and pride as they were to the interested by them. Besides, the darky is a born gossip, like a white detective. He knows the family, the making mamma was not quick to detect serious intentions in a promising young man visitor, where there were no other lullers. The great house, the young man visitor was mighty plentiful about Christmas time. He came across three counties. He rode a high-stepping horse, and was nice in the matter of equipment. He rode a black horse, and was nice in the matter of equipment. He rode a black horse, and was nice in the matter of equipment.

IN HOUSES AND KITCHENS.

Nightfall brought swarms of visitors, both to house and kitchen. Very often there was a dance in both as soon as it was dark. The dancing was done in the kitchen, and the dancing was done in the kitchen. The dancing was done in the kitchen, and the dancing was done in the kitchen. The dancing was done in the kitchen, and the dancing was done in the kitchen.

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CHRISTMAS SWEETS.

Holiday Dishes to Be Patronized by New York's Rich Set.

APPEALS TO TASTE AND SIGHT.

Mrs. Rockefeller Will Serve Mousse in Gold Cups—Mrs. Vanderbilt Sets a Bag of Silk for Handling Hot Chestnuts.

(Correspondence of the Dispatch.)

NEW YORK, December 15.—There is nothing nowadays more in demand for receptions than a mousse, chocolate, or coffee. Served in dainty gold-plated cups, such as Mrs. Rockefeller owns, it is a treat for the gods, appealing both to taste and sight.

Here is the recipe: Whip a quart of cream, draining it well; scrape fine an ounce of chocolate and put into a small frying-pan with three tablespoons of sugar and one of boiling water; stir it over a hot fire until it is melted; then add the cream, and stir it well; then add a scant cup of sugar and the ingredients are well mixed. Turn the whole into a three-quarter mould, which has been packed in ice and salt; turn a bit of carpet over the top and set it away for four hours. When it is ready to be turned out, it must not be stirred. About fifteen pounds of ice will be necessary to freeze it.

In whipping the cream, it must be done with short, light strokes, whether a whisk or a churn is employed, and the cream, after being whipped, must be well drained over a sieve, for if any liquid remains the mousse will not have a fine, soft appearance. The dish which holds the cream you are whipping must be placed in another which has cracked ice in it. The cream will then froth more and be whiter.

To make a coffee or cafe mousse, add to the whipped cream a cup of strong coffee, and a little sugar. There is no other tonic that changes so quickly, and keeps the blood in the system. It is a good tonic for the blood, and it is a good tonic for the blood.

A MARRON-PARTY.

The French have a pretty way of serving marrons, which Mrs. Vanderbilt will introduce at a young-folk's party during the holidays. A bag of sachet of scented silk, thickly lined with cotton, is stuffed with about fifteen inches one way by seven the other. This bag is rolled up in both ends and open at one. A loose cover of lace or pretty drawn-work is slipped over the bag when it is rolled up, and the marrons are still in their pretty brown coats, but from the oven or the ash, and done to a turn. As quickly as possible, the marrons are to be served, and the bag is to be served, and the bag is to be served.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS.

Anglianism Has Its Roots in the Cattle of Some American Hearts.

(Correspondence of the Dispatch.)

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